

Examiner's Note on the numbering of claims

The initial notice of allowance was on 01/26/2010.

Applicant filed amendment under Rule 312 on 04/16/2010

The Rule 312 amendment was NOT entered because applicant renumbered and reused the canceled claim numbers 1-3 (dated 05/13/2011).

After that, the case went through abandonment, petition, revival, RCE, non-compliant amendment, etc.. Unfortunately, the error of renumbering and reusing the claim numbers 1-3 never got corrected by applicant.

To proceed prosecution and avoid further delay, the Examiner chose to accept the renumbered claims as filed by applicant on 04/16/2010 instead of sending yet another notice of non-compliant amendment. The Examiner had to compare each of the renumbered claims with its corresponding original one. In the 2nd/final notice of allowance dated 12/09/2010, the Examiner restated the reasons for allowance according to the new numbering.

Therefore, in the final IIFW form of 12/09/2010, the numberings of the claims are all based on as were presented by Applicant in the 04/16/2011 amendment.

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